



MINUTES OF  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

May 19, 2020

The City Council of the City of Eureka met in REGULAR Session on the above date, 5:00 P.M. Closed Session, 6:00 P.M. Open Session, at the Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers, 531 "K" Street, Eureka.

Public Comment: None

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation  
Stacy Cobine, et al v. City of Eureka et al  
United States District Court Northern District of California, Oakland Division Case  
No. 16-cv-02239-JSW

Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation  
Oscar Leatherman and Kelly Pifferini v. City of Eureka, et al.  
Northern District of California Case No. 4:17-cv-05610-HSG

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Seaman  
Castellano  
Arroyo  
Allison  
Bergel

ABSENT: Messner

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: No actions to report out of closed session.

## MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Seaman will be hosting second Cradle to Career meeting May 20, 2020

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

Item D.1 was taken out of order and discussed.

- D.1 Eureka Poet Laureate Program – Economic Development Manager  
Swan Asbury provided a staff report.

David Holper, Adult Poet Laureate, Harvey Mitchell, Youth Poet Laureate and Izzy Unsinger, Youth Poet Laureate, provided information to the Council. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this item.

Castellano moved, seconded by Arroyo, to extend the Adult Poet Laureate Program from one year to two years and the Youth Poet Laureate Program up to a total of two years depending on the participants availability, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Messner

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

## A) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A.1 Resolution Confirming and Ordering Special Assessments for Unpaid Garbage and Recycling Collection Fees - Donna Wood provided a staff report. The Public hearing was opened and closed at 6:29 pm. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Allison moved, seconded by Bergel, adopt Resolution No. 2020-25 Confirming Garbage and Recycling Collection Assessments and Establishing the Method of Collection, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Messner

- A.2 Special Assessments for Unpaid Abatement Charges – Deputy Public Works Director Brian Issa provided a staff report. The Public hearing opened and closed at 6:33 pm. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Arroyo moved, seconded by Castellano, adopt Resolution No. 2020-26 of the City Council ordering special assessments/liens for unpaid abatement charges, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel  
Noes: None  
Absent: Messner

B) CONSENT CALENDAR

Bergel moved, seconded by Allison, accept Consent Calendar, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel  
Noes: None  
Absent: Messner

- B.1 Council Meeting Minutes - Approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting minutes from May 5, 2020 as submitted.
- B.2 Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation and City of Eureka Funding Agreement Amendment - Approve an Amendment to the Funding Agreement for the construction of the Bear and Coyote Exhibit at the Sequoia Park Zoo between the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation and the City of Eureka.
- B.3 Regulatory and Warning Sign Upgrade 2019-HSIPL-501(045) - Project Acceptance - Accept the Regulatory and Warning Sign Upgrade 2019 Project; and authorize the filing of a "Notice of Completion" at the Office of the County Recorder.
- B.4 Paving Equipment Purchase - Declare Peterson Cat the low bidder and supplier of equipment meeting the required specifications; and Authorize the purchase new compact track loader (skid-steer) with cold planer from Peterson Cat for a total purchase price not to exceed \$131,000; and  
Appropriate additional funds for the purchase 50% each from Water and Wastewater reserve funds to Equipment Operations fund, line item 610-44360-7450.
- B.5 Sewer Improvements 2020 Project – Award - Declare Mercer-Fraser Company the preferred bidder on Sewer Improvements 2020 project

and award Bid No. 2020-06 to Mercer-Fraser Company for the amount of \$1,794,489 and approve \$2,000,000 for construction, which includes 10% for contingency.

B.6 Redwood Acres California Department of Food and Agriculture Grant Application - Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Redwood Acres Fairground Grant Application to California Department of Food and Agriculture to upgrade their energy infrastructure.

B.7 Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement - Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Option and Land and Tower Lease Agreement with Sacramento Valley Limited Partnership DBA Verizon Wireless, allowing the installation of ground equipment and tower-mounted antennas at the City's high tank site at Wood and L Streets.

C) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

C.1 Early Retirement Incentives and Intent to Adopt CALPERS Retirement Credit Resolution – Human Resources Director Will Folger, provided a report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Allison moved, seconded by Arroyo, to adopt a Notice of Intent to adopt a Resolution granting two years CalPERS service credit to 4 employees as an early retirement incentive, including disclosure of employer costs to provide this benefit; and Adopt Resolution No. 2020-27 of the City Council approving two years of contributions toward health insurance as an early retirement incentive for 2 employees, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: Messner

D) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

D.2 Ranked Choice Voting – City Attorney, Bob Black, provided a staff report. The following individuals addressed the Council regarding this subject matter:

Caroline Griffith

Council provided direction to staff.

E) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

E.1 Financial Update – Finance Director Lane Millar provided a report.

E.2 COVID-19 Update – Acting City Manager Pam Powell provided a report.

F) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS

Councilmember Arroyo- HTA will be discontinuing free rides. Driver guards have been added to busses.

Councilmember Allison - Continue practicing social distancing and stated that RCEA is offering assistance with upgrading bikes to electric.

Councilmember Bergel- attended the HBF budget meeting. Kinetic Sculpture Race will be happening virtually. Get out and enjoy the weather and she really appreciates the public who are wearing their masks when outside.

Councilmember Castellano- Has been volunteering at Free Meal, attending Ink People board meetings and participating in economic development meetings.

ADJOURNMENT- 7:43 pm

APPROVED:



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Susan Seaman  
Mayor

Attest:



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Pamela J. Powell  
City Clerk